

Minutes of Special and Regular Meeting of September 8, 2015
One Twin Pines Lane, City Council Chambers

CALL TO ORDER 7:05 P.M.

ROLL CALL

COUNCILMEMBERS PRESENT: Reed, Lieberman, Stone, Braunstein

COUNCILMEMBERS ABSENT: Wright

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Theresa Evangelista of the American Red Cross

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

Presentation from the Red Cross Regarding the City of Belmont's Participation in the annual blood drive

Theresa Evangelista, American Red Cross, noted that the City of Belmont participated for the first time in 2014 and is receiving an award for the largest participation of city employees in the county.

Presentation by Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse (CORA) naming Belmont PD Officer Todd Feinberg as their "Officer of the Quarter"

Police Chief DeSmidt spoke regarding partnerships in the county to address relationship abuse. He described the companion resolution on tonight's Consent agenda regarding human trafficking.

Representatives from CORA (Community Overcoming Relationship Abuse) presented the Officer of the Quarter award to Belmont Police Officer Todd Feinberg. They described the incident that led to this award.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Kathleen Beasley, Belmont Library, outlined upcoming fall programs, including a Candidate's night to be held at the library.

Tim Strinden, Belmont resident, commented regarding Councilmember Lieberman's Op-Ed article in the San Mateo Daily Journal as it relates violations of the Code of Ethics.

City Attorney Rennie clarified that the Code of Conduct would not apply to an individual member writing an Op-Ed article unless it was authorized by the City Council. He noted that the Code of Conduct applies to Councilmembers in their official duties and not in their individual capacity.

Perry Kennan, Belmont resident, commented regarding Councilmember Lieberman's pledge in 2013 to donate his unused benefit monies to the City.

Councilmember Lieberman commented that he was unaware of the deferred compensation benefit when first elected. He stated that he will eventually make a donation to the City, and noted that this will be a personal decision when the time comes.

COUNCILMEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Councilmember Reed explained the new mobile App, My Belmont, designed for Android or iPhones. He also announced the September 19th Fire Department versus Police Department softball game fundraiser for the American Cancer Society.

Councilmember Lieberman noted the opening of a new restaurant in Belmont, Rangoon Ruby.

Councilmember Stone announced upcoming high speed rail open house opportunities.

Mayor Braunstein outlined upcoming events to commemorate September 11th. He announced the upcoming Movie in the Park, and noted that AYSO would hold opening day ceremonies on September 12. He described the ribbon cutting for the new Sherwin Williams store.

AGENDA AMENDMENTS

Council concurred to move Item 9-A (Introduction of an ordinance Amending Belmont City Code Chapter 7 to Provide an Expedited, Streamlined Permitting Process for Small Residential Rooftop Solar Systems) to the Consent Calendar.

ITEMS APPROVED ON CONSENT CALENDAR

Resolution 2015-089 authorizing the City Manager to execute a 90-day extension of the Exclusive Negotiating Agreement with Belmont Firehouse Square, LLC as the master developer for the Firehouse Square project.

Approval of Minutes of Regular Belmont Fire Protection Meeting of July 14, 2015, Regular Belmont Fire Protection Meeting of August 25, 2015, and Special and Regular City Council Meeting of August 25, 2015

Resolution 2015-090 approving a services agreement with Infrastructure Engineering Corporation (IEC) for Sanitary Sewer Flow Monitoring Services for an amount not to exceed \$634,880 over a three-year period with a ten percent contingency

Resolution 2015-091 establishing 130 feet of "No Parking" on the east side of Desvio Way at Solana Drive

Resolution 2015-092 approving the change from 2-hour parking time limit for 2 spaces in front of 850 Emmett Avenue (Green Streets Cleaners) to 30-minute parking (Monday – Friday from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM)

Motion to Receive Monthly Financial Reports

Resolution 2015-093 in support of the "No Traffick Ahead" project

Introduction of an ordinance Amending Belmont City Code Chapter 7 to Provide an Expedited, Streamlined Permitting Process for Small Residential Rooftop Solar Systems (Item moved from Other Business to Consent)

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Reed, seconded by Councilmember Stone, the Consent Agenda was unanimously approved, as amended (4-0, Wright absent).

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Zoning Ordinance Amendments - Section 23A (Signs on Public Property) and Section 6 (M-1 - Limited Manufacturing Districts); Relocation and Lease Agreement - Clear Channel Outdoor (CCO) Digital Billboard on City property located at 1385 Shoreway Road (APN 040-371-130 & 140) Mitigated Negative Declaration

Community Development Director de Melo reviewed the City Council's discussion on this matter from last meeting, and outlined the Planning Commission's design review since then. He noted that the business terms of the agreement have already been discussed. He provided some additional language to be included in the resolution authorizing the lease agreement.

Mayor Braunstein opened the Public Hearing.

Perry Kennan, Belmont resident, commented regarding the revenue to be received from the billboard, and noted that the encroachment permit is missing from the document. He noted that other neighboring cities are choosing not to install similar billboards.

Community Development Director de Melo pointed out that eight existing billboards will be removed with this agreement.

City Manager Scoles clarified that the proposed action is to authorize the City Manager to negotiate the lease, and that the encroachment permit will be a separate process. He noted that some cities' agreements do not include any removal of existing billboards.

ACTION: On a motion by Mayor Braunstein, seconded by Councilmember Stone, the Public Hearing was unanimously closed (4-0, Wright absent).

Councilmembers commented regarding the removal of existing billboards and revenues to the City. They also noted the use of the new sign by the City for advertising events.

ACTION: On a motion by Councilmember Lieberman, seconded by Councilmember Stone, and unanimously approved (4-0, Wright absent) to adopt Ordinance 2015-1090 Amending Belmont Zoning ordinance (Ordinance No. 360) Section 23A Regulations Regarding Signs on Public Property and Section 6 to conform to previous amendments to Section 23, and approve Resolution 2015-094 Authorizing the City Manager to Negotiate and Execute a Relocation Agreement and Lease to Install a Digital Electronic Billboard for Clear Channel Outdoor (CCO) on City-Owned Property at 1385 Shoreway Road (APN 040-371-130 & 140), as amended.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE, AND COUNCIL INTERGOVERNMENTAL ASSIGNMENT UPDATES, AND STAFF ITEMS

Verbal report from Councilmembers on Intergovernmental (IGR) and Subcommittee Assignments

Councilmembers reported on their various assignments.

Verbal report from City Manager

City Manager Scoles described the recent grass fire in the Hallmark neighborhood. He pointed out that the vegetation management plan mitigated the spread of the fire.

Affordable Housing Task Force

Council concurred to appoint Councilmember Stone as delegate and Councilmember Lieberman as alternate to the County's new Affordable Housing Task Force.

ADJOURNMENT to Closed Session at this time, being 8:20 P.M. to consider:

A. CLOSED SESSION [Third Floor Conference Room]

- (1) Conference With Labor Negotiators (Govt Code Section 54957.6)
Agency designated representatives: Greg Scoles
Employee organization: MMCEA and International Association of Firefighters (IAFF) Local 2400

ADJOURNMENT at this time, being 8:55 P.M.

Terri Cook
City Clerk

Meeting televised and videotaped (except Closed Session)